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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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1. Between 16 and 20 March 1954, a major exercise which involved tank and AT units, as well as ground attack aircraft, was held in the Lieberose area.

25X1 2. On 16 March, a tank unit from Frankfurt/Oder, including 15 T-34/85 tanks, 12 trucks and about 200 troops; and an AT unit including 8 x 57-mm AT guns, 4 field kitchens, 20 trucks [redacted] and about 400 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia were detrained in Lieberose. Local residents stated that additional units were detrained in Lieberose at that time.¹

25X1 3. On 16 March, an AT unit with about 15 trucks, each occupied by about 20 troops, 8 to 10 trucks each towing a 85-mm AT gun and 6 to 7 trucks mounting mortars was seen en route toward Peitz. At about 10 a.m. on 16 March, a mixed unit with 10 trucks towing AT guns, 6 trucks each carrying about 20 troops, 4 tank trucks, and 4 to 5 JS tanks [redacted] entered Tauer, followed by a column of 15 to 20 trucks towing AT guns, occupied by troops [redacted]. On 20 March, 25X1 25X1 a train carrying T-34/85 tanks [redacted]

25X1 1 jeep and 3 boxcarloads of troops passed through the Peitz railroad station, proceeding toward Drachhausen.² On 20 March, a total of about 100 T-34/85 and JS tanks were seen in the barracks installation north of Drachhausen.

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25X1 1. Comment. The observations confirm [redacted] the reinforced 7th Gds Mech Div engaged in exercises between 16 and 20 March.

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25X1 2. Comment. The barracks installation north of Drachhausen appears to be occupied as previously by the 80th Gds Hv Tank SP Regt of the 9th Mech Div.

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